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Thus the question of marks obtained by the respective candidates could not be strictly adhered to in making the selection and it is not therefore possible to give the marks of the topmost ten candidates. The marks of all the Brahman candidates interviewed and finally admitted are however given district-war in statement No. II [a] placed on the table of the House.''

House-sites within the limits of Chittoor Municipality.

* 76 *Q.*—Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO: Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(*a*) whether there are plots of land belonging to Government within the limits of Chittoor Municipality ear-marked for house-sites, and if so, what the extent of such land is;

(*b*) whether applications have been received from the members of the public for assignment of land for house-building purposes;

(*c*) whether the applications were submitted through proper channel before their assignment was sanctioned;

(*d*) who the assignees are and whether any value has been fixed for the sites and if so, what it is; and

(*e*) whether any procedure is prescribed under the Board's Standing Orders for application, enquiry and sanction of building sites in urban and rural areas?

The Hon. Sri KALA VENKATA RAO:—" (*a*) There are no Government lands ear-marked as house-sites within the limits of Chittoor Municipality.

" (*b*) Yes.

" (*c*) All applications with the exception of one were preferred to the Collector and he rejected them as the Chittoor Municipality represented that these sites were required for use as playgrounds, parks, etc. The excepted one application was received direct by the Government and it related to the assignment of a portion of the compound of the Collector's bungalow. It is still under consideration.

" (*d*) No assignments have yet been made.

" (*e*) Yes. Assignment of house-sites in villages and towns are governed by the instructions in Board's Standing Order No. 21."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" May I know, Sir, whether the Hon. Minister is aware that the Collector's compound is available as a house-site?"

The Hon. Sri KALA VENKATA RAO:—" There is a small portion available and one or two gentlemen applied for it and the applications are being considered."

Sri R. SURYANARAYANA RAO:—" Will the Hon. Minister consider other applications also if they are received?"

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[a] Printed as Appendix VI on pages 363–367 infra.

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THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" If they are alert and send them in time, I will consider them, Sir."

Abandonment of re-settlement operations.

* 77 Q.—SRI R. SURYANARAYANA RAO : Will the Hon. the Minister for Land Revenue be pleased to state—

(a) when resettlement operations were completely abandoned ;

(b) the names of districts wherein these resettlement operations would have taken place if they had not been so abandoned ;

(c) the names of districts in which the resettlement operations had already been completed before the decision to abandon them was arrived at ;

(d) whether resettlement rates have been enforced in all districts mentioned in reply to (c) ;

(e) whether it is a fact that each settlement resulted in practice in an increase in assessment ;

(f) what is the percentage of enhancement in the districts resettled after the year 1914 ;

(g) whether in regard to districts in which resettlement operations were not undertaken on account of the change in the Government's policy, the rate of assessment is comparatively light ; and

(h) whether the Government have under consideration any proposals to remove the inequalities by reducing the assessment in the resettled districts to the extent of the enhanced assessment?

THE HON. SRI KALA VENKATA RAO :—" (a) In May 1937, the Government ordered that no resettlement operations should be initiated and that all resettlement operations then recently started should be stopped. The Government also issued orders regarding the continuance of settlement and resettlement operations in areas where they had far advanced and the operations were accordingly continued and completed.

" (b) A list [a] of the areas where resettlement would have fallen due but for the orders mentioned in the answer to clause (a) is placed on the table of the House.

" (c) The reference is presumably to the areas resettled just before the issue of the orders mentioned in the answer to clause (a). The areas are the Guntur and Kurnool districts, the Hill villages of the Salem district and the Ootacamund and Coonoor taluks (36 villages) of the Nilgiris district.

" (d) The new rates based on a consideration of prices and approved for the Guntur and Kurnool districts and the enhanced acreage rate approved for lands cultivated with special crops in the Shevaroys in the Salem district and in the Ootacamund and Coonoor taluks (36 villages) of the Nilgiris district have not been brought into force.

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[a] Printed as Appendix VII on page 368 infra.